



HILLERY



E. W.



W. R.



ELVIN



AUBRY



BURIE

### Tompkins Brothers Are Versatile Shipbuilders: Started With Combat Loaded Transport In 1940's

The seven Tompkins brothers could take a keel plate, and, with a little time, run it up to a hull that would float. From among them, they can produce a chipper, two welders, a burner, two shipfitters and a straightener.

Jessie Tompkins recalled that the first ship he worked on, and the first vessel he saw launched, was Ingalls Hull 265. It is the USS Arthur Middleton, a combat loaded transport delivered to the Navy in 1942.

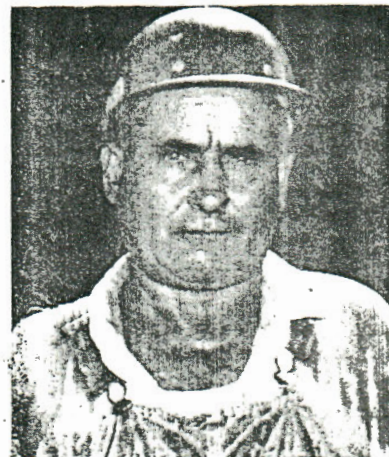
Since this ship was finished, either W. R., Elvin, E. W., Jessie, Burie, Hillery or Aubry has worked on every ship that has been built here at the Pascagoula Yard. In recent years they have helped put together the LSDs, LSTs, Reefers, and are now working on the submarine, the destroyers and the luxury liners.

They can tell you of many changes

made in the yard since they were first employed here. In fact, one recalled, "When I was hired, the employment office was across the street from Gate 4."

Another told of now marsh land and bayous were filled in to make what is now the south yard and wet dock.

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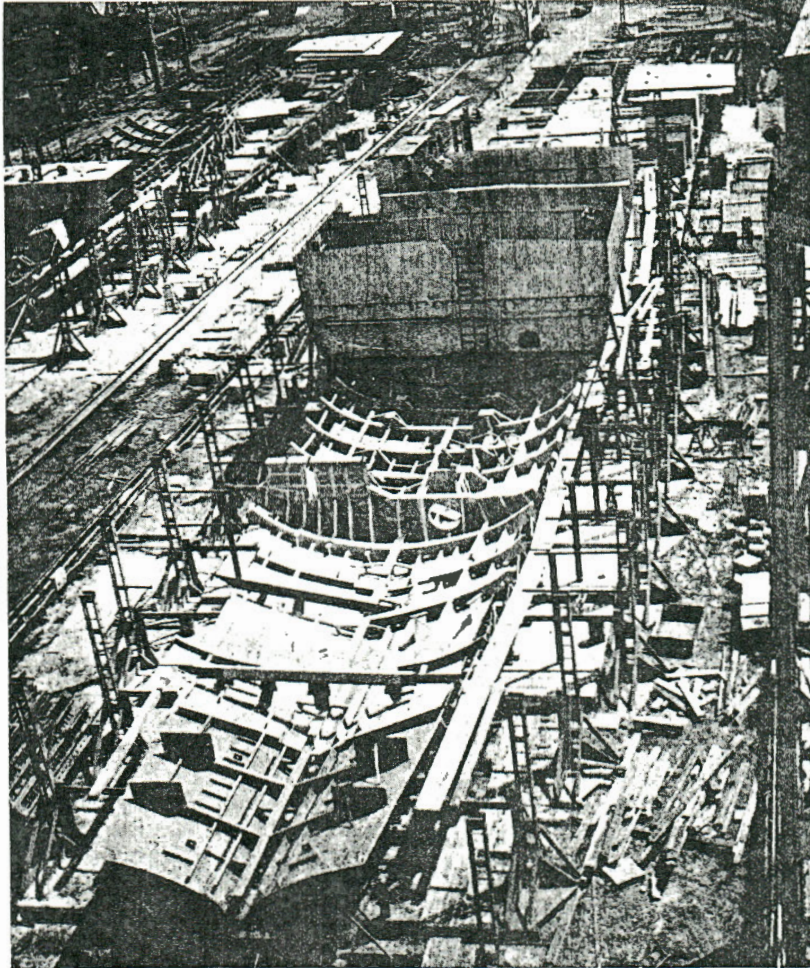


JESSIE

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THESE BULKHEADS — and shell plates are the foundation for the streamlined Forrest Sherman Class Destroyer now being built for the Navy on Ingalls' Way 3. Although it will be small in size, when compared to other seagoing combatant ship, it will be one of the fastest vessels in Naval Service.

## Destroyers Are Named After Naval Heroes

USS PARSONS and USS MORTON are names given to the two destroyers now under construction here on Ways 3 and 4.

The ships were named after two famous Naval heroes of World War II. The sleek new modern vessels are in the Forrest Sherman Class, and when put into service by the Navy, they will be among the fastest ships ever built for combat.

These vessels contain numerous modifications from World War II destroyers, and they will be deadly accurate

in submarine destruction.

DD 948, the MORTON, is taking shape on Way 3 as keel and bow sections have been erected. The MORTON'S keel was laid March 4, and is scheduled to be launched in May of 1958. Keel for the PARSONS was laid in June and its launching date is August 22, 1958.

Hear about the octopus who fell into the cement mixer? Just a crazy mixed up squid.

"Who gave the bride away?"

"Well, I could have but I kept my mouth shut."

## Taiwan Places Large Order At Westinghouse

Ingalls-Taiwan Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company has ordered \$6 million in equipment for six supertankers in the 36,000 deadweight ton class from Westinghouse that includes marine turbines.

In addition to the six 18,600 shaft horsepower marine turbines, Westinghouse is supplying the firm condensers and air ejectors for the ships.

The order was announced jointly by Dr. Magnus I. Gregersen, chairman of the board of Ingalls-Taiwan, and W. E. Knox, president of Westinghouse Electrical International Co.

The supertankers will be the first ships over 1,000 tons to be built on Taiwan. Dr. Gregersen reported that expansion of the Company's shipyards at Keelung now permits production of large ships "Competitive in cost with the lowest in the world and equal in quality to U. S. standard." By 1959, the Keelung facility will be able to build ships up to 65,000 tons, he said.

Ingalls acts as a design and advisory agent for the Keelung facility on Formosa.

## Brother . . .

Only Elvin, the youngest of the brothers, was not employed here at Ingalls during the war. "He was too young then," one explained.

Not only do the seven brothers work close together, but they all live in the same vicinity. Their homes are near Lucedale, Mississippi.

W. R. is the chipper, Elvin and E. W. weld, Jessie is a burner, Burie and Hillery are shipfitters and Aubry is employed as a strightener

Many ships have slid from Ingalls' Ways since the launching of the Arthur Middleton. About 180 have been delivered since then. The Tompkins brothers have spent many man hours helping other Ingalls employees make first class Navy and Merchant ships out of tons of raw steel since hull 265.

## Anniversaries . . .

L. M. Taylor	Pipefitter
C. L. Kelly	Pipefitter
C. L. Briscoe	Pipefitter
L. Chapuis	Sheetmetal
H. Marlowe	Sheet Metal
W. C. Smith, Jr.	Sheet Metal
M. Q. Blackwell	Sheet Metal
J. E. Ladner	Sheet Metal
E. D. Hicks	Machinist

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